DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

One man was raising serious objections.

PRESIDENT.

Mr. Ambooken was also asked to look into the matter after acquisition.

Mr. A B. SALEM.

May I understand that two individuals have objected ?

PRESIDENT.

Are they not different persons ?

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

May be one.

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

No, not one.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

There can be a monster petition.

RAO SAHIB Mr. T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR.

There is no monster petition, unless you take monsters there, because there are no human beings there. (*Laughter.*)

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

There are no human beings at Anappara also to object to its location.

PRESIDENT.

The Diwan Peishkar has made enquiries.

The Leper Asylum at Anappara.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

168. (a) Will the Government be pleased to inform the estimated cost for the present acquisition of the sites and for the Asylum buildings proposed to be erected therein ?

(b) The proposal they have, if any, for the utilisation of the completed Leper Asylum building at Anappara ?

(c) What objections the Government now have to re-examine the question of opening the Leper Asylum at Anappara itself ?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

(a) The estimated cost of the acquisition of sites is about Rs 2,785. No estimate has yet been made for the construction of the buildings.

(b) There is a proposal to utilise the buildings as part of the First Grade College when the College is transferred to Anappara.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

(c) The objections, which weighed with Government in abandoning the idea of opening the Asylum at Anappara, still exist.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

My question (c) was as to what objections the Government now have to re-examine the question of opening the Leper Asylum at Anappara. I have studied the answers given in the budget session, and I find re-examination will not hold water, if any impartial officer of the Sanitary Commission to the Government of Madras is asked to examine the objections. I should like to know whether the objections can hold water. Those objections exist. My question was whether the objections could not be re-examined by an impartial Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

PRESIDENT.

Is it to examine whether the objections are valid? Of course, the case for re-examination was thought baseless.

Mr. A. B SALEM.

I ask whether the question has been submitted for enquiry, and has been found to be baseless.

PRESIDENT.

The objections still exist.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

The Government should reconsider the same. My question was to invite the attention of the Government to the fact that those objections that were raised against the opening of the Anappara Leper Asylum had never been subjected to scrutiny by competent authorities like the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer of the State or by any other medical authority whatsoever. If they are submitted to a medical or a sanitary authority, and the sanitary authority upholds the objections, then the objections will be valid.

PRESIDENT.

Do you say that the objections, on reconsideration, cannot be found valid, and that the Government may ultimately decide on opening an Asylum at Anappara? I do not think it possible. Anyhow, there was no re-examination.

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

There was no re-examination.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

I do not know whether there was any examination of the question by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

PRESIDENT.

That is another matter.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

No, Sir.

PRESIDENT.

A re-examination of the question presupposes a prior examination. There was an order passed by the Government upon those representations. That may be taken as an examination by the late Diwan himself.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

But it was not an examination scrutinised or an order passed by the Diwan upon a scrutiny of the points by the medical authority concerned, either in the State or elsewhere.

PRESIDENT.

There was no necessity for re examination.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

In all these matters, there is necessity for re-examination.

PRESIDENT.

There is no use of re-examining.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

Even the partition of Bengal was re-examined. Should not this be re-examined and justice done to the country?

PRESIDENT.

Government thought it not necessary. Government have not thought of re-examination itself

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

We expect our Government, Sir, always to act very reasonably, soundly, to the satisfaction of the people, and to the interests of the money of the State. It is these things that make me ask the question: Why not have the question of the objections of the Trichur people enquired into by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer of the State or by a Sanitary Commission who will conduct an impartial examination, which will give satisfaction to the rate payers and contributors to the fund?

PRESIDENT.

If the Government thought it was necessary, re-examination would have been ordered.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly